# SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS DECEMBER 5, 2012 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Director Acton. Pledge of Allegiance was followed by prayer led by Deputy Director Laury.

Director Acton asked that County Solicitor Levitsky swear in the Honorary Freeholders.

Solicitor Levistky administrated the Oath of Office to the Honorary Freeholders

Director Acton Honorary Freeholder stated that adequate notice pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act had been given of this meeting and read the Open Public Meeting Act Statement.

On roll call, the following Freeholders and their respective Honorary Freeholders were present:

#### Freeholder Laury

Austin Lehr

#### Freeholder Cross

Alyssa Berry Dallas Allison Max Milone Drew Sorbello

#### Freeholder Vanderslice

Tori Orton Ramear Jackson

#### Freeholder Ware

Blake Poole Kayla Gantz

#### Freeholder Timberman

Alayna Dilks Josh Collier Emily Rosenberger

## Director Acton

Christopher Jenkins

#### Clerk of the Board Gage

CJ Omlor

Motion was made by Deputy Director Laury's Honorary Freeholder to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the, October 26, 2012 Emergency Meeting November 7, 2012 Workshop and Regular meetings. Minutes to be received, approved and recorded in the Minute Book, seconded by Freeholder Timberman's Honorary Freeholder, and carried 6/0.

Motion was made by Deputy Director Laury's Honorary Freeholder that the Rules of the Board be temporarily waived for resolution number 18, 19, 20, 21, 31, 32, 47 and 48 on tonight's agenda. Freeholder Cross' Honorary Freeholder seconded his motion, which carried a hand vote of 6/0.

## **SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS**

The Citation honoring the following Honorary Freeholders was read by Clerk of the Board Gage and listed their names:

Blake Poole Alloway
Tori Orton Elsinboro
Alayna Dilks LAC
Josh Collier LAC
CJ Omlor LAC

Christopher Jenkins Mannington
Alyssa Berry Oldmans
Emily Rosenberger Pennsville
Austin Lehr Penns Grove
Max Milone Pittsgrove
Dallas Allison Quinton
Ramear Jackson Salem

Kayla Gantz Upper Pittsgrove Drew Sorbello Woodstown

# **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### GENERAL

Salem County Mosquito Control Autumn Angelus Biologist Departmental Season Report

Joel TeBeest, State of New Jersey, Office of Finance, Calendar Year 2013 County Budget Projections-Division of Mental Health Services

Cozen/O'Conner-All Municipal Clerk's in the South Jersey Gas Company Service Area and Freeholder Clerks of Atlantic County, Burlington County, Camden County, Cape May County, Cumberland County, Gloucester County, Salem County and County Executive of Atlantic County

Wetland General Permit Application-Installation of Piezometers Solid Waste Division Salem County Improvement Authority Groundwater Observation Activities in support of the Wetland Mitigation Plan 179 Welchville Road, Block 5, Lot 15, Alloway Township, Salem County

Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders adopted Resolution #33 at its November 12, 2012 Public Meeting. The Freeholder Board urges Salem County to have flags flown half-staff over buildings under its jurisdiction in honor of all those Americans who served our nation at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Salem County Office of Emergency Management month of October 2012

Salem County Transit April 1 to November 30, 2012

Salem County Department of Social Services

Salem County Municipal Alliance month of November 2012

Office on Aging month of November 2012

Office of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Services month of November 2012

Office of Disability Services

Youth Services month of November 2012

#### **COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MINUTES**

Motion was made by Deputy Director Laury's Honorary Freeholder to accept and file the correspondence, and the committee and commission reports and that they be made a part of the Minutes. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Cross' Honorary Freeholder. The motion was carried by a hand vote of 6/0.

Motion was made by Deputy Director Laury's Honorary Freeholder that all Bills and Claims, when properly signed and audited, be paid and charged to their respective accounts. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Vanderslice's Honorary Freeholder. The motion was carried by a hand vote of 6/0

Motion was made by Deputy Director Laury's Honorary Freeholder that the Treasurer's Report be received and filed, subject to audit, and that a copy be made available to the public, upon request, for its review. Freeholder Cross' Honorary Freeholder seconded his motion. The motion carried a hand vote of 6/0.

Director Acton's Honorary Freeholder stated if no Freeholder objected the resolutions would be read in bulk.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE**

R. 2012-523

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

RESOLUTION FOR MEMBER PARTICIPATION IN A COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM

R. 2012-524

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SALEM COUNTY SAFETY COMMITTEE
AND APPROVE MEMBERSHIP THEREOF

R. 2012-525

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

RESOLUTION AWARDING A SERVICE AGREEMENT TO BENEFIT EXPRESS FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM

R. 2012-526

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

FINANCE RESOLUTION CANCELLATION OF A CHECK

R. 2012-527

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

FINANCE RESOLUTION CANCELLATION OF A CHECK

R. 2012-528

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

FINANCE RESOLUTION CANCELLATION OF A CHECK

R. 2012-529

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

FINANCE RESOLUTION CANCELLATION OF A CHECK

R. 2012-530

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TIME AND DATE OF THE ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS FOR 2013

R. 2012-231

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

## AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 2012-1 TO ESTABLISH JOB CLASSIFICATION TITLES AND SALARY RANGES

R. 2012-532

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET PURSUANT TO NJSA 40A:4-87 CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948 (\$8,786.00 – COUNTY RIGHT TO KNOW PROGRAM)

R. 2012-533

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET PURSUANT TO NJSA 40A:4-87 CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948 (\$19,682 – PROSECUTOR SART/SANE)

R. 2012-534

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET PURSUANT TO NJSA 40A:4-87 CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948 (\$2,251.32 – BODY ARMOR - 2012 PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE)

R. 2012-535

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET PURSUANT TO NJSA 40A:4-87 CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948 (\$15,386.18 – BODY ARMOR - 2012 SHERIFF'S OFFICE)

R. 2012-536

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET PURSUANT TO NJSA 40A:4-87 CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948 (\$3,900 – CANCER EDUCATION AND EARLY DETECTION)

R. 2012-537

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT (PUMA, TELSEY & RHEA) (TABLED)

R. 2012-538

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

RESOLUTION TO HAVE SALEM COUNTY FLAGS FLOWN AT HALF-STAFF OVER BUILDINGS UNDER ITS JURISDICTION IN HONOR OF ALL THOSE AMERICANS WHO SERVED OUR NATION AT PEARL HARBOR ON DECEMBER 7, 1941

R. 2012-539

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SALEM AND THE ASSISTANT PROSECUTOR'S ASSOCIATION

R. 2012-540

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET PURSUANT TO NJSA 40A:4-87 CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948

## (\$140,000 – EMAA FY 12) (WAIVER REQUIRED) (TABLED)

R. 2012-541

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

FINANCE RESOLUTION REQUESTING TRANSFER OF FUNDS (WAIVER REQUIRED)

R. 2012-542

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SPECIAL EMERGENCY NOTES (WAIVER REQUIRED)

R. 2012-543

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS: EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSE (40A:4-54) (WAIVER REQUIRED)

Freeholder Vanderslice's Honorary moved for the adoption of the twenty one resolutions with Freeholder Ware's Honorary Freeholder seconding his motion.

Freeholder Vanderslice "I'd like to have item number 15 and item number 18 removed/tabled for further information." Motion second by Freeholder Cross and carried by hand vote of 6/0.

As there was no further discussion motion for adoption of resolutions R. 2012-523 thru R. 2012-536 and R. 2012-538, R. 2012-539 and R. 2012-541 thru 2012-543 carried vote of 6/0.

# **PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE**

R. 2012-544

**PUBLIC SERVICES** 

# RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE SALEM COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Freeholder Vanderslice's Honorary Freeholder moved for the adoption of this resolution, with Freeholder Cross's Honorary Freeholder seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried by a hand vote of 6/0.

## **HEALTH COMMITTEE**

R. 2012-545

**HEALTH** 

RESOLUTION EXECUTING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE SALEM HEALTH AND WELLNESS FOUNDATION FOR THE 2013 HEALTHY SALEM HEALTHY BODY

Freeholder Cross's Honorary Freeholder moved for the adoption of this resolution, with Freeholder Vanderslice's Honorary Freeholder seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried by a hand vote of 6/0.

## **SOCIAL SERVICES & PLANNING COMMITTEE**

R. 2012-546

SOCIAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 005 FOR BAYADA NURSES INC. (\$3,200)

R. 2012-547

SOCIAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 006 FOR

#### HOMECARE HOSPICE CARE OF SOUTH JERSEY (\$10,000)

R. 2012-548 SOCIAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 007 FOR MEALS ON WHEELS (\$6,000)

R. 2012-549 SOCIAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN THE HEALTH SERVICE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE 2013 COMPREHENSIVE ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROJECT

R. 2012-550

SOCIAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE INTER-AGENCY COUNCIL IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF \$110,395 IN 2013 FUNDS UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE SYSTEM, SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE HOMELESS, THE TANF HOMELESS INITIATIVE, AND FEES FOR THE HMIS REPORTING SYSTEM

Freeholder Timberman's Honorary Freeholder moved for the adoption of these five resolutions, with Deputy Director Laury's Honorary Freeholder seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried by a hand vote of 6/0.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

R. 2012-551 PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE FOR THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE (BODY ARMOR)

R. 2012-552

**PUBLIC SAFETY** 

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MSDS ONLINE FOR THE PURPOSES FOR PROVIDING EMPLOYEES WITH OSHA COMPLIANT MSDS INFORMATION

R. 2012-553 PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION FOR A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SALEM AND THE SOUTH JERSEY TECHNOLOGY PARTNERSHIP (WAIVER REQUIRED)

R. 2012-554 PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION FOR A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SALEM AND THE EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION & RESOURCE CENTER (WAIVER REQUIRED)

Freeholder Cross' Honorary Freeholder moved for the adoption of these four resolutions, with Freeholder Vanderslice's Honorary Freeholder seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried by a hand vote of 6/0.

## TRANSPORTATION, TOURISM, & AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

R. 2012-555

TRANSPORTATION, TOURISM & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

RESOLUTION AWARDING CULTURAL & HERITAGE COMMISSION GRANT DOLLARS FROM THE NEW JERSEY STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS AND THE NEW JERSEY HISTORY COMMISSION

R. 2012-556

TRANSPORTATION, TOURISM & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

AUTHORIZING A PROPOSED ACQUISITION AND PRESERVATION ON GARY DROPPA FARM, LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK AND QUINTON TOWNSHIP

R. 2012-557

TRANSPORTATION, TOURISM & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

AUTHORIZING THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF A DEVELOPMENT EASEMENT ON WALTERS FARM, PITTSGROVE TOWNSHIP

R. 2012-558

TRANSPORTATION, TOURISM & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

AUTHORIZING THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF A DEVELOPMENT EASEMENT ON RERA FARM, PITTSGROVE TOWNSHIP

R. 2012-559

TRANSPORTATION, TOURISM & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

AUTHORIZING THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF A DEVELOPMENT EASEMENT ON YANUS FARM, ALLOWAY TOWNSHIP

R. 2012-560

TRANSPORTATION, TOURISM & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

AUTHORIZING THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF A DEVELOPMENT EASEMENT ON THOMAS FARM, UPPER PITTSGROVE TOWNSHIP

R. 2012-561

TRANSPORTATION, TOURISM & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

AUTHORIZING THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF A DEVELOPMENT EASEMENT ON ELWELL FARM, ALLOWAY TOWNSHIP

R. 2012-562

TRANSPORTATION, TOURISM & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY SITUATION AS TO THE CONTINUED SAFETY, STABILITY AND RELIABILITY OF THE RAILROAD FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM

Freeholder Ware's Honorary Freeholder moved for the adoption of these eight resolutions, with Freeholder Timberman's Honorary Freeholder seconding her motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried by a hand vote of 6/0.

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

R. 2012-563

**PUBLIC WORKS** 

A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE PROPOSED WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT (WQM) PLAN AMENDMENT ENTITLED: SALEM COUNTY FUTURE WASTEWATER SERVICE AREA

R. 2012-564

**PUBLIC WORKS** 

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF CHANGE ORDER #2 RESURFACING OF ALMOND ROAD, COUNTY ROAD #540, PHASE 1 FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM FEDERAL PROJECT #STP-0143 (103), NJDOT #7110309

R. 2012-565 PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF CHANGE ORDER #1
RESURFACING OF HAWKS BRIDGE ROAD, COUNTY ROAD #540, PHASE 1 FOR
THE COUNTY OF SALEM FEDERAL PROJECT #STP-COOS(127), NJDOT #7106309

R. 2012-566 PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF FEDERAL AID AGREEMENT
NO. 12-DT-BLA-649 FOR THE RESURFACING OF ALMOND ROAD, COUNTY ROAD #540,
PHASE 2 IN PITTSGROVE TOWNSHIP FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM

R. 2012-567 PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF GREENVILLE BRIDGE, COUNTY BRIDGE #1701-221 IN PITTSGROVE TOWNSHIP FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM (\$778,633.15 – FRED M. SCHIAVONE CONSTRUCTION, INC.)

R. 2012-568 PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF HOUSES MILL POND BRIDGE, COUNTY BRIDGE #1701-003 IN ALLOWAY TOWNSHIP FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM (\$949,160.71 – RICHARD E. PIERSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC.)

R. 2012-569 PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY SITUATION AS TO THE CONTINUED SAFETY, STABILITY AND RELIABILITY FOR STORM DAMAGED ROADS FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM (WAIVER REQUIRED)

R. 2012-570 PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION PROHIBITING NORMAL TRAFFIC FLOW ON MAPLE AVENUE (COUNTY ROAD #634), SOUTH BROAD STREET (COUNTY ROAD #607), MAIN STREET (COUNTY ROAD #675), AND NORTH BOARD STREET (COUNTY ROAD #607)
IN THE BOROUGH OF PENNS GROVE, COUNTY OF SALEM (WAIVER REQUIRED)

Deputy Director Laury's Honorary Freeholder moved for the adoption of these eight resolutions, with Freeholder Ware's Honorary Freeholder seconding his motion.

Freeholder Laury "I would like to make a comment on resolution number 45 this is on the Greenville Bridge. This is the last bridge that the county has to repair from last year's hurricane. FEMA funds required that it be completed by February 14<sup>th</sup> of this coming year we have been granted an extension however the contract reads that it needs to be completed by February 14<sup>th</sup>. Obviously the weather will have a big effect but we will not lose our FEMA funds if it does go over."

As there was no further discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried by a hand vote of 6/0.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Freeholder Vanderslice motioned to authorize a worker's compensation settlement to Debra Kulpa Section 20 in the amount of \$11,100 with Freeholder Cross seconding his motion. As there was no discussion motion carried by a hand vote of 6/0.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Deputy Director Laury "We are moving into the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Plaza as we speak We are completely out of the Auerbach Building that is in Mannington and we are moving into the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Complex. Just to let you know we are having an open house right before the Freeholder Meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> that will start at 5 until 6 pm and the public is welcome."

Director Acton "I just want to say thank you students for coming. We are trying to plant a seed. This is a very honorable way to give back to your community. We are public servants and I for one just feel so blessed and honored and very humbled to be able to serve you and your parent. This is an option you might not have thought oh I want to be a Freeholder I want to be a Clerk of the Board or Administrator but now you can see what we do and hopefully we are sparking some interest. I have some certificates here so after the meeting we could give out the certificates and also I've got some lapel pins but I really do want to thank you guys for participating. You are representing us well you've got nice speaking parts and you're very respectful so thank you very much."

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Director Acton's Honorary Freeholder stated "Anyone wishing to speak please speak clearly and state your name and address for the record.

Each speaker will have **TWO MINUTES** to speak. The Clerk of the Board (COB) will keep track of the time for each speaker. When addressing questions concerning personnel issues with the County of Salem no names will be used at any time."

John Turner, Salem County Fire Marshall, resident Hancocks Bridge "Good evening members of the County Board of Freeholders. I'm here tonight to represent the Salem County Fireman's Association in reference to some concerns and statements and discussions that were held at the Freeholder's Budget meeting on Saturday December the 1<sup>st</sup> relevant to the Department of Emergency Services and we are hoping to get some clarifications tonight. At the meeting Mr. Cross reported that he and others went on a field trip to observe Monmouth County 911 Center operations. For the purpose of observing this operation center for the possible improvement areas of the Salem County 911 Center. What prompted the need for the field trip and besides Mr. Cross who else participated in this field trip?"

Director Acton "Mr. Turner everything goes through the chair if you don't mind and number one thank you all for coming tonight we really appreciate it please do not be a stranger to this meeting we value your input and your thoughts and concerns so never think that you are being a burden or anything we welcome it. This discussion that was held at our budget hearing meeting we are doing a feasibility study and assessment only. I know Sheriff Miller reached out to the different entities that may be involved around the county to go and just get your input so whatever you say tonight please go ahead and say it but also express your concerns or your thoughts to him also. Over the years we have spent so much money on feasibility studies on private outside contractors and vendors that we have expertise in this area that we asked the Sheriff to take on this challenge of just doing an assessment whether if for a lack of better word fly's or not we're just assessing it but I think he did reach out to the Chiefs Association to set up a meeting."

John Turner "But again I go back to my original question why was no one from the Department of Emergency Services involved in that field trip of where they have the expertise of running our 911 Center now as well as our dispatch center as well as the entire department of emergency services."

Director Acton "I know Director Pompper is going to be at a seminar I think within the next week or so we signed him up so I'm sure he's going to learn some valuable lessons from that."

Jeff Hoffman, Salem County Fire Coordinator "Part of the question that John was asking is I know back in I believe it was January of this year Sheriff Miller and I guess Dale went on a trip and went to some other communication centers 911 centers and one of the issues not really an issue one of the concerns

we've had is why wasn't somebody from the Emergency Services the 911 Center maybe Jeff Pompper or somebody else in that center asked to go along on that trip to view these other areas and to see where maybe improvements could be made I mean it was a shock to us that somebody from that field wasn't involved in that trip and we were looking to get answers why that didn't happen."

Director Acton "And Mr. Hoffman you know even I to this day try to look at different ways to be more efficient to be more cost effective and I do a lot of things I compare different counties information we have a South Jersey Freeholders Association and we have the South Jersey Economic Development District so we collaboratively exchange ideas what works for one county may work for ours so but I don't bring a lot of my department heads and discuss it we kind of vent it first and then you know when we go to the next level then we bring in whomever could be involved and I apologize if you don't think that's the proper way to do but we, I know I, try to look at so many different areas and if somebody could keep up with me good luck because, I just, this is a 24/7 job for me and I really do try to just do my due diligence and then when I get to that point Jeff or Mr. Hoffman and then I bring others in."

Jeff Hoffman "was there any outcome?"

Freeholder Cross "Madam Director if you'd like I mean I'll address it but this is public comment I mean this hasn't been our practice in the past to go back and forth in question and answer we do deal with it I'll be happy to answer questions after the meeting. This is a period where we listen to your comments and take them in and if we have issues then we address them next week under Old Business.

Jeff Hoffman "May I speak on the same topic please or same topic another question?"

Director Acton "Before we allow him to speak does anybody else have any questions and you have two minutes."

John Turner "Director Actor I appreciate that at the meeting this past September it was stated that there had been some issues with police dispatching and it is possible that dispatchers may need more training you also stated to keep in mind that the majority of dispatchers employed at the 911 center come from Fire and EMS backgrounds and that is not held against them but maybe they need to be provided more training. Just to enlighten everybody here this evening that 911 center was established as a radio communication center for the Fire Service in the mid 60's 1960's from that point forwarded it grew and we brought all the communities of fire services into our county dispatch center. Roughly in the 80's we went to expand out to the police departments and we've been doing that every since with our police departments. Here recently it grew out a lot larger but in order to clarify some of the training the dispatchers currently go through a 40 hour emergency medical dispatch trainings 36 hours of dispatching class by the Association of Public Safety Communications, CPR, eight hour domestic violence call handling, 8 hour suicide handling, 8 hour legal and liability issues, ICS 100 which is Instant Command System, Instant Command System 200, Instant Command System 300, Instant Command System 700, Right to Know Developmental Disability and these are just a few to mention several hours of training. As far as actual police training, I don't think based off of my investigations that there is any other training that is specifically named toward the police and I'd like to see if we could address that. What we were looking at for training and again back to the trip up to Monmouth County was there anything identified that we are lacking in Salem County in comparison to Monmouth County and also taking into consideration of the big population differences and the funding that supports those two different agencies Monmouth County and our County."

Director Acton "I thank you so much for your comments. Thank you very, very much."

Jeff Hoffman "Would it be okay if John and myself sat and met with the Freeholder Board and discussed some other issues if possible after the meeting or setting another meeting up aside in the very near future so we can talk about some of the concerns that we have with the issues we brought up tonight?"

Director Acton "Mr. Hoffman I think that's an excellent idea we could do that in a committee meeting of Public Safety but thank you and again really thank you for coming."

Anthony Jackson, Pedricktown "I served my community in fire service since 1977 and given all the issues we have concerns on what direction the Freeholders maybe contemplating taking for the Department of Emergency Services for 2013 and forward and we ask tonight what is the Freeholder Boards intention with the current organization structure of the Department of Emergency Services. Are there any changes considered for 2013 if so could you please explain it to us and have any decisions been made on the appointment of a Director's position whose term expires December 31, 2012.

Director Acton "I thank you also from coming and stepping up to the microphone and expressing your thoughts. This was just a assessment of different areas throughout the county that we do. Nothing has been set in stone nothing has been decided we're just getting some information brought back to us so we can make any kind of decision whether it's to stay neutral or anything else any kind of changes."

Anthony Jackson "The other question I have for the Board would the Board consider another 911 from out of the county to observe our 911 instead of using our Sheriff's Department like bring Monmouth County or Union County or Essex down this way they're not from our county they'll give it straight this is where we need improvements this is where we need changes. I mean I'm out in the industry and places I've been to they bring outside concerns and evaluate their businesses they don't use people from right there. I think it would be a good idea to contact another county and bring them down and let them evaluate our system. I think we got a good system from when I started you know compared to when I first got in the fire company basically dispatch was upstairs and we had CB radios in the truck so I think they do a heck of a job."

Director Acton "Thank you for your suggestion and I am really sorry thank you all for volunteering to serve your community. You guys are very priceless and we commend you."

Ann Sullivan, Alloway "On number 33 what's the amount of the Cultural and Heritage Commission Grant. I didn't see it there or I didn't hear it."

Director Acton "That was \$53,000."

Ann Sullivan "And then number 22 who are the trustees that are being added to the Salem County Community College?"

Director Acton "It's Carrie Ruffin is getting reappointed and John Ashcraft from Penns Grove. He served formally on the board and he's coming back. And Ann never feel like you have to rush we're all good."

Ann Sullivan "It's beyond my bed time."

Joseph Hiles, Woodstown "Here as a member of Reliance Fire Company as well as the Salem County Department of Emergency Services. I wanted to talk about again the issue with Public Safety and the comments that were made at the last budget meeting. There was an issue brought up about training again I'd like to piggy back on what the Marshal said I of course being an employee there think that we're the most highly trained dedicated best dispatchers in all of Salem County. I think that our experience not only handling one department such as Carneys Point does, we handle multi departments. We handle the Sheriff's Department, the Prosecutors office and a number of other municipalities which gives us that much more experience. Also we are cross trained in Fire and EMS so if a phone call for a house fire on Hook Road in Pennsville happen to come into the police department we would properly know how to handle that call and dispatch the appropriate resources. As far as staffing, anytime they talk about staffing such as Freeholder Cross did and you talk about the possibility of reduction of staffing then you upset the employees and you bring down morale because now we are all worried about our jobs. I would have to say that I would like to invite the Freeholders to

come down notepad and a piece of paper a pen and see exactly what we do and how we do our job. No offense to Sheriff Miller but Sheriff Miller is a Sheriff he doesn't answer 911 calls, he doesn't take a blood pressure, he doesn't go into a burning building so I find it a little hard to believe how he's going to come in and tell us how we need to do our job. I like the comment of maybe inviting a different county to come in and observe and offer their opinions of how we may improve our services to the county. I think that's a great idea. Again no offense to the Sheriff but it be like me telling him how to arrest somebody, it be like me telling PSEG just because I changed a light bulb one day how to run their nuclear facility. I think that you need to get the proper people looking at this situation and I really don't feel that Sheriff Miller is the best person for that job. Also it was brought up that this is a state mandate and I contacted the Third District Legislature's and they had no idea what I was talking about so I was wondering where that information came from that this was somehow coming down the pike from the State that this was going to happen in the future and also finish here you didn't really answer the question of why a representative from the Department of Emergency Services was never invited on this field trip. You talked about an upcoming seminar but that didn't really answer the question of why there wasn't an invitation back when this occurred so."

Freeholder Cross "Madam Director if I could just elaborate on that one point again I'll discuss the other ones after the meeting but as far as the state mandate heading in the direction of placing 911 Center under the Sheriff the Sheriff did admit that he did research that, that is not the case although there are six counties out of the twenty one that currently have it under the Sheriff."

Clerk of the Board Gage "Director can I state we actually recessed the closed session from the Workshop meeting and for the public record here I want to reiterate we talked about three issues of litigation Higgins vs the County of Salem two cases involving the DEP vs the County of Salem a worker's comp case and contract negotiations and we are going back in there to finish those discussions.

Director Acton "Is Mr. Donelson in here? He coordinated this effort of eighth grade students along with Claudia Pennington our office staff and I just want to thank them because again I just think this is really educating to the eighth graders to experience this even this public discussion is good for them to see that people are interested in their community so again thank you very much. Freeholder Laury just reminded me Ms America was here today and I had lunch with her along with probably about 35 other community leaders and her message was very priceless. She is the daughter of someone whose been incarcerated and she had to go through when she was young I think around 15 years old the embarrassment the shamefulness of seeing her father's picture and name in the paper. She never had inspirations or aspirations of being Ms. America but with all this going on there was a few people in her community that stepped up to the plate and became role models for her, mentors for her so her father was in prison and she was able to overcome that depression that sadness that she had to talk to her father by phone or visit him behind bars and these mentors took this child, this 15 year old daughter and everyone here pretty much knows what you feel like when you're 15 it's a very vulnerable age. Took her under their wing and just made her soar used her God given talent and helped her become a young lady and that became her platform and she became Ms. America so if you could ever see her on YouTube or watch any of the Ms. America Pageants that she was in she was very inspiring."

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# RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC FROM A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF SALEM

Freeholder Vanderslice moved to enter closed session with Freeholder Cross seconding his motion. As there was no further discussion, the motion to enter closed session carried by a hand vote of 6/0 at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl R. Gage Clerk of the Board